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In re Patent Application of:  
Chong-Sheng YUAN

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For: DETERMINATION OF IONS USING ION-  
SENSITIVE ENZYMES

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Examiner: R. Hutson

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS RCE  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted together with a Request for Continued Examination, and is in response to the final Office Action dated May 12, 2008, for which a response is due on August 12, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.